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1. IN A DISCUSSION ON MARCH 16 WITH FOREIGN OFFICE
POLITICAL DIRECTOR VAN WELL FOLLOWING HIS RETURN FROM
GENSCHER'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON, HE TOLD ME THE FRG
BELIEVED IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA FOR THE FOUR TO ISSUE
A BERLIN DECLARATION FOLLOWING THE QUADRIpartite SUMMIT.
VAN WELL SAID HE HAD DISCUSSED THIS IDEA WITH ASSISTANT
SECRETARY HARTMAN. VAN WELL BELIEVED THE ALLIES COULD
SAY SOMETHING ABOUT THE FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EFFEC-
TIVE DATE OF THE QA (JUNE 3) OR NOTE THE IMPORTANCE OF
THE AGREEMENT IN SOME WAY. (COMMENT: I EXPECT VAN WELL
WILL RAISE THIS POINT AGAIN WITH HARTMAN ON THE 21ST IN
LONDON).

2. VAN WELL THEN ASKED ABOUT MY CONTACTS WITH AMBASSADOR
ABRASIMOV. I TOLD HIM I HAD NOT YET HAD AN OPPORTUNITY
TO TALK IN GREAT DEPTH ON SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS WITH
ABRASIMOV, BUT THAT I MIGHT MEET WITH HIM LATER THIS
MONTH. I THEN DESCRIBED THE WORMSER/ABRASIMOV MEETING
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(REFTel) AND THE ABRASIMOV PRESS CONFERENCE, NOTING THAT
THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR HAD SPOKEN IN RATHER CATEGORICAL
TERMS ABOUT THE QA APPLYING ONLY TO WEST BERLIN. I TOLD
VAN WELL I WAS SCHEDULED TO DELIVER A SPEECH IN BERLIN
ON MARCH 17 BEFORE THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN
WHICH I PLANNED TO RESTATE THE WESTERN POSITION (TEXT SENT
SEPTel). VAN WELL EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN OBTAINING A COPY

OF THE SPEECH SO THAT THE FRG COULD GIVE IT WIDE PRESS PLAY.

3. VAN WELL SAID HE HAD TALKED TO REG HIBBERT AFTER THE JANUARY 19 WRIGHT/ABRASIMOV LUNCHEON IN WHICH THE SOVIET HAD MADE A NEGATIVE REMARK ABOUT WESTERN MILITARY PATROLS IN EAST BERLIN. VAN WELL THOUGHT THE ALLIES SHOULD BE CONSIDERING VARIOUS CONTINGENCY MEASURES SHOULD THE GDR ATTEMPT TO INTERFERE WITH THE PATROLS. VAN WELL WAS PLEASED TO HAVE LEARNED THAT BOTH THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY HAD TALKED TO DOBRYNIN ABOUT BERLIN AND INFORMED HIM THAT THE SOVIETS SHOULD NOT TAMPER WITH THE SITUATION THERE. VAN WELL ASKED WHETHER WE COULD PROVIDE HIM WITH FURTHER DETAILS. IN CONCLUDING THE CONVERSATION, I STATED THAT THE SECRETARY ALSO INTENDED TO CONVEY THIS MESSAGE AGAIN TO THE SOVIETS DURING HIS MOSCOW VISIT.
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